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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CATALYST USEFUL FOR LIQUID-
LIQUID SWEETENING LPG AND LIGHT PETROLEUM DISTILLATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) An improved process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the chloride reagent used is selected from the group consisting of thionyl chloride, phosphorous trichloride and phosphorous trichloride and phosphorous pentachloride.

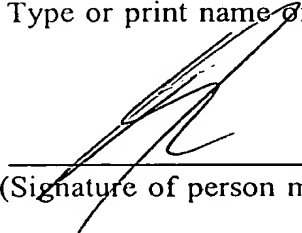
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